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## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Roukang, 9th November, 1892.

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## DEATH.

On 25th inst. at his residence, Chaiwan, Canton  
Road, M. A. de Carvalho, aged 64. His  
funeral will be held on the 26th inst.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23RD, 1892.

Two Audiences accorded by the Emperor  
Kwang Ku to the new British Minister to  
Peking cannot be regarded as satisfactory.  
Until the Son of Heaven is prepared to re-  
ceive the Foreign representatives on the  
same terms that the Chinese Ministers are  
received on at the European courts to which  
they are accredited it would be better to  
decline the Audiences altogether. So long as  
they are content to be received in the out-  
buildings of the Palace so long will the  
Chinese officials and people interpret it as a  
tacit confession of the superiority of China  
and the Chinese Emperor to the countries  
and sovereigns represented by the Foreign  
Ministers. The Ministers may say, as our  
Peking correspondent suggests, that any  
place that is good enough for the Emperor  
is good enough for them; but that is not  
the correct attitude to assume. The door  
may be a good enough place for the  
master of the house to say off the man who  
has been sweeping the pavement, but the  
distinguished guest expects to be admitted  
to the drawing room. It is humiliating to  
the Ministers individually and to the  
sovereigns and countries they represent to  
be received in any place the selection of  
which is intended to show their inferiority.  
Whether the Ching Kwang Tien is a pavil-  
ion of superior or inferior importance to  
that of the Tze Kwang Ko is a matter of  
little consequence so long as either the one  
or the other is selected because the Ministers  
are not considered of sufficient dignity to  
be received in the Palace itself. Mr. O'Con-  
or's entrance into the Palace might possibly  
have been deemed by the Chinese a pro-  
fanation of the sacred precincts, but that is  
no reason why he should have been con-  
sidered elsewhere. The Audience of 1891 was  
consequently a mistake. Pending the conclusion  
of more satisfactory arrangements the best  
thing that could have been done would have  
been to let the whole matter rest in abeyance.  
If it were thought of sufficient importance  
to make a show of the Palace it would have

been withdrawn from Peking and the Pro-  
vincial Authorities held responsible for the  
disobedience and fulfillment of Treaty  
obligations, the Chinese Ministers in  
Europe at the same time being refused ad-  
mittance to the Courts of the respective coun-  
tries to which they are accredited. This would  
have been unpleasant for China and would  
probably soon have brought her to terms. The  
Foreign Ministers, however, were unable to  
act unilaterally for any length of time on a point  
of policy, and while the French and Russian  
representatives were holding out for ad-  
mission to the Palace itself the Austrian Minister  
accepted audience in the Ching Kwang Tien  
and has now been followed by the British  
Minister. After the mistake made in 1891  
care ought to have been taken against any  
other of a like kind. If it was considered  
undesirable to suspend diplomatic intercourse  
on account of this troublesome question  
it could have been continued on the  
same terms as before 1891, when Ministers  
came and went without making mention of  
Audience with the Emperor. The fact of  
the Emperor's having now attained his  
majority need not have made any practical  
difference in the situation. Between having  
no Audience and having one in a place  
separated with a view of marking the  
inferiority of the Foreign representatives  
there is great difference in point of dignity  
and self-respect. To be refused Audience  
altogether may be an insult, but to be ac-  
cording one attended with marks of humili-  
ation is a still greater insult, and that Mr.  
O'Connor would have accepted the latter is  
much to be regretted. We can only hope that  
his subservience on this occasion is not to be  
taken as an earnest of his attitude to the  
Peking Court in other matters. When  
Changé d'Affaires he earned a reputation  
for vigor and ability, but we cannot  
forget that during his conduct of the Legation  
at that time the continuance of the  
Burmese tribute was agreed to. How far  
Mr. O'Connor was personally responsible  
for that mistaken concession has never  
transpired. Possibly he merely acted under  
instructions, as indeed he may have done  
in the matter of Audience, but it is decidedly  
unpleasant to read one day that the decennial  
mission is about to set out from Mandalay  
for Peking and the next that the British  
Minister has been received by the Emperor in  
an outbuilding. It is this communicating on  
terms of equality it would be interesting to  
know what would be considered terms of in-  
equality.

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CONCERT AT THE GOVERNMENT  
CIVIL HOSPITAL.

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TESTS IV.  
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

The Pocho may be said to be from Tientsin the ice formed so strange vessels; traffic was established on it and the circumstances of the case are not very exact; that the storm Tang-ho itself is getting down to Tientsin, and about on 31st, thick bridges the river, and the next day from Hong Kong, and the canal which at Tientsin will be closed winter. A gale from S. and north the wind has reduced the water on the bridge, for some 10 ft., and there are fears at the month of the river, being this is for the water to get out. The last of the swells the forecast is outside the last of the water to come from the

Shanghai

A Skating Club has been formed at Shanghai and secured a suitable site for a rink on Old Bay Road, beyond the Ritz Hotel. A European correspondent writes to *N. O. China* that the Foping on her way down the hill to blow her nose, "has a good view of her way." "This, I believe," adds the correspondent, "is not a yarn, but it does not happen every day." "The wind blows from the land and water track, impels one on the ice, and the skater is carried on his way till land is shown in a new way."

The *Review*, underlining that it is dangerous to "trust the wind," adds that the skaters have been "seen to be blown off their feet." By Mr. C. H. Huggins, H.B.K.'s Committee, it is stated that the Hongkong-Rokin Club has been "graciously" asked.

Two suicides of women took place at the same time. One was the wife of a policeman named Xui who being tired of a life of misery without end, on one of her husband's prostrations, is said to be to have jumped from the roof of her house, and as it has turned out, she took her life by jumping. The other was a woman named Hsiao, being unable any longer to endure the harsh and cruel treatment of her mother-in-law, she also jumped from the roof of her house, and was killed. It is very probable that such cases will continue to occur, and what we like to call the "Model Suffragette".

A private letter from Tientsin informs us that the Chinese Government has been thinking has sent a telegram to Li Shuang-chang, in which the necessity of making a loan of a million to the Chinese Government is urged. The money is to be used for the purpose of buying iron and coal mines of Hsueh, which has been closed or worked on a much smaller scale than it was some months ago, and from outside sources, it is to be furnished.

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### KEUNG.

The railway trains running between Tai and Kelung, says the *Shen-pao*, appear full ereas of Kelung, but the return carloads of mining tools, empty carloads of lumber, etc., show that the explanation is that every day hundreds of workers come to Kelung for the gold-mining, and that the Kelung station plan there are reported to be already thousands gold seekers. The consequence is that the sub-forest Lin, who has official charge of the Kelung station, has been ordered to farm out a concession for something like thousands of acres to be paid in gold instalments to the Formosa Board in 10 years. But it is not yet known whether Shao Yü-lin, will consent to this course.

### TOKYO.

The new German Minister to the Tokyo, Baron von Gutschmid, presented credentials to the Empress of Japan on Tuesday.

### TONKIN.

The *Courrier d'Indo-chine* says—Last week went to Mengzi by the Red River steamer, and was surprised to find the Chinese for the Chinese Customs there. Over two hundred men, under the command of a national guard, who discharged the functions of Customs. The French custom-house by this change completely eliminated the Chinese Customs at Mengzi, which was respectable.

For the greater security of the mission north of Tonkin, including the Hongkong district, in which they are situated, the French Government has decided to remove the province of Quang-yen and attached to military district. It is stated that the operations of the French in the north of Tonkin have not understood the new arrangement of this kind will disappear.

One of the French colonies, representing the French Government, recently received a royal decree. From the particular in the decree it appears that the colony of

substituted by Captain Ebeross. In the afternoon a message was made on a faithful postman, Lomucha, westward of Chany, to the village of Lukany. The first and positive orders were carried without loss. On the third day the detachment made a Lieut. La Bessiere, of the Legion, three wounds and died the same day. S. Aubry also succumbed to his wounds. The detachment was slightly wounded. The day and four traitors were killed, and four legions and four traitors were left. The pirates, whose loss was heavy, but three times as great as the French, abandoned the position.